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Resistant Microorganisms in the Stool :

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Sir:

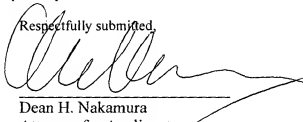
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Prompt examination on the merits is requested respectfully.

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